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After much pressure, awareness sessions begin on street vendors' right to operate in public as mandated by law

ON THE SUNNY SIDE OF THE STREET

Just 19,000 have IDs of 1.5 lakh vendors in Bengaluru

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It's been more than seven years since the Street Vendors Act was passed. Yet, not many street vendors know about their rights to sell merchandise on Bengaluru streets.

Despite legalisation many citizens still disregard the rights of street vendors. That said, some citizens are now spreading awareness amongst street vendors and officials about the law: after multiple follow ups, the training sessions have begun now.

Bengaluru Jilla Beedhi Vyaapari Sanghatanegala Okkuta/Federation of Street Vendors Unions of Bengaluru had been advocating to conduct training sessions for months — finally the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has approved the sessions.

The Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act of 2014 regulates street vendors in public areas and protects their rights to operate.

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> **"Government officials are unaware of the act and street vendors are asked to move out often, while they have their right to earn a livelihood.** — Vinay K Sreenivasa, ALF

Once in a lifetime click

Indian-origin hardware designer wins coveted photo award

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Indian-origin Tanmay Sapkal has won the prestigious International Landscape Photography Award. There are prizes for the best Photograph of the Year and best Photographer of the Year, and five special subject awards — 11 winners in total, every year. Over 4,500 images were submitted for this years' competition from all over the world. Tanmay's image scored the highest amongst them to win the International Landscape Photograph.

Tanmay is a 29-year old amateur fine art landscape photographer based in the San Francisco Bay Area. He works as a hardware designer for Apple, and spends most of his free time exploring the landscape of western United States and beyond. His first foray into photography was through traveling with his parents to remote corners of India and shooting on a Kodak film camera.

He started out in street and fine art conceptual photography at the age of 23; this interest naturally culminated in landscape photography because of his love for the great outdoors. The winning photograph

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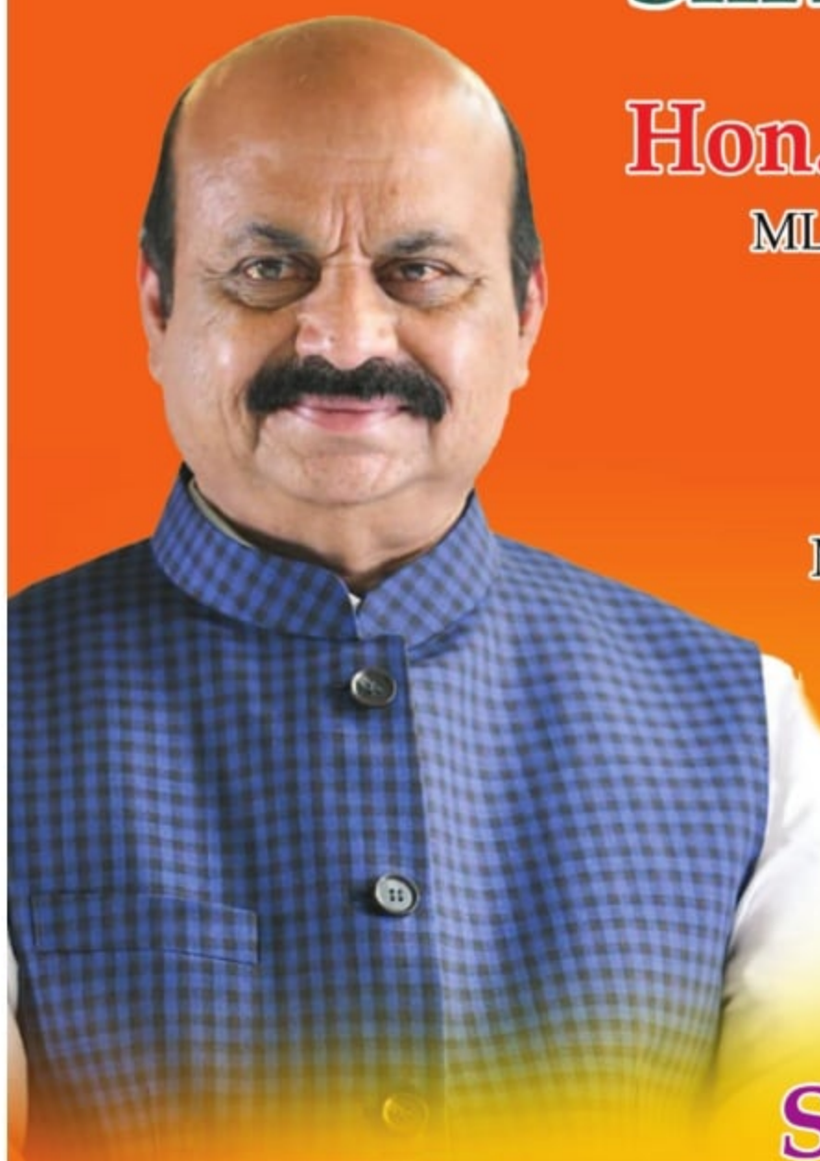

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Ivory racket: Smugglers tracked down

TN forest department, Bengaluru cops team up to nab inter-state gang

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In a major operation, officials of the Karnataka Police Department and Tamil Nadu Forest Departments came together to arrest an inter-state gang in connection with a recent ivory smuggling case.

In what can only be described as a well-coordinated interdepartmental approach, both the accused were arrested by the officials for their involvement in transporting ivory across the state border on February 16.

The officials from Tamil Nadu Forest Department tied up the loose end for Hebbaguddi police officials by nabbing both the absconding men and handing them over to the officials for further interrogation.

Earlier, the Hebbaguddi police officials had arrested six men while they were transporting a pair of tusks weighing 14 kilograms. Officials say that all six arrested were only the middlemen. "The main accused were at large. We have now arrested two men – Pavan Raj and Basavaraj," informed Karthikeyani K, wildlife warden, Hosur forest division, Tamil Nadu Forest Department.

Karthikeyani said, "We were tipped off on their whereabouts through local intelligence. Once we had their addresses, we arrested one of the accused from his home, whereas the second accused was nabbed later from the neighborhood," said.

"So far, the accused have maintained that the tusks were not obtained from a live animal. As per the information they are divulging, they found the tusks in a rocky area around their village in Hosur. However, further interrogation is on," said a police official.

A clear case of poaching, says wildlife expert

Wildlife experts say that this is a clear case of poaching and there should be comprehensive inquiry into the issue.

Sharath Babu, a wildlife enthusiast, said: "It is not a case of tusks collection after the animal has shed it naturally. The animal, in all probability, was shot and the tusks were harvested. Tusks that are shed naturally look different."

He further stated, "One of the tusks is larger than the other. When an elephant is shot by an untrained hunter, the animal either falls on its left or its right. So, while the tusk facing the sky can be easily harvested, the one on the ground cannot be taken out completely because of the weight of the animal."

Former cop turns vehicle lifter to treat ailing son

Bengaluru police have arrested a former Bahraini policeman who took to crime to treat his son ailing with cancer, police said on Wednesday.

The arrested person is Nazeer Ahmad Imran a.k.a Pilakal Nazeer (61), a native of Kerala. According to police, Nazeer served as a cop in Bahrain for 9 years before coming to India.

He has been arrested for the second time in 14 years. Nazeer became a professional car thief after his son was detected with cancer and he had to arrange money for his treatment. Ashoknagar police had arrested Nazeer in 2008 also, though he obtained bail and came out of prison.

During the investigation, he revealed that he committed the crimes for the treatment of his son. After lifting vehicles, he created fake documents and sold them off. Further investigation is underway.

—IANS

Man loses life under BMTC bus wheels

A 35-year-old electrician, who was riding pillion on a two-wheeler was killed on the spot and the rider sustained injuries, after a speeding BMTC bus knocked their scooter down on ITPL Road in Whitefield on Wednesday.

The deceased has been identified as Prem Shankar Prasad (35) while the injured Nasim Akhtar (19) is being treated at a private hospital, the police said. The duo are from Gorakhpur in Uttar Pradesh and are working for a private firm in Bengaluru.

According to police, the duo was heading to work when the BMTC bus moving in the same direction veered to the left in order to stop on the roadside at the BPL bus stop. As a result, Akhtar who was riding the scooter also veered to the left, and the two vehicles collided.

Due to the impact, the rider fell on the corner of the road while Prasad fell towards the right, coming under the wheels of the BMTC bus and sustained fatal injuries.

The Whitefield traffic police rushed to the spot and booked the BMTC bus driver for rash and negligent driving.

The BMTC bus moving in the same direction veered to the left to stop at the bus stop, resulting in the collision

"Our officers visited the spot soon after the incident and learnt that there were no road engineering defects or other factors that could have caused the accident. A case of rash and negligent driving has been registered against the bus driver," said Shantharaju, DCP (Traffic) East Division.

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Calling all bookworms

Bibliophiles, here's some good news for you. You can get your hands on several books, at throwaway prices based on their weight at this exhibition-cum-sale. Not only can you get books from a vast array of categories (children's books, coffee table books, psychology etc), the prices are a steal. You don't want to miss this opportunity, so hurry!

Where: Safina Plaza (Main Hall), Infantry Road
When: Till Feb 27, 10 am – 8pm

02 Dance, dance, dance

Nothing says beat the blues more than a fun dance workout. Nivedita Jajoo is a dancer and designer who graduated from Srishti Institute of Art, Design and Technology. Her interest in dance was noticed at the age of 13 years and it crystallised into passion when she started leading her dance crew at college. For the past 4 years she has been also teaching and training in various dance styles namely hip-hop, Bollywood, Zumba and Jazz. Join her for a fun energy-packed Bollywood workshop.

Where: Lahe Lahe, Indiranagar
When: Feb 26, 11am – 12.30pm
Contact: 9886294444

03 Music, live

A fusion band with a mix of Indie and Western, Teer is all set to bewitch you with their tunes, live. Each member of the band brings in years of experience from different flavours of music from across Indian Hindustani to Western Rock & Blues. A band which targets spreading peace, joy, hope and especially love & harmony among people through their music. Their repertoires range from Bollywood hits, western pop & rock, instrumental and some originals as well.

Where: Courtyard Phoenix Marketcity
When: Feb 27, 6.00 pm onwards
Entry: Free

Tuning into the world of Grammy artistes

Aditya Veera's podcast connects Bengalureans with Grammy winners and nominees

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The podcast offers a window into the world of music; (inset) Veera is a techie by profession and musician by passion

A Bengaluru techie and music aficionado is bridging the gap between musicians and their patrons by connecting Grammy winners and nominees with music lovers through his podcast. A one-man army, Aditya Veera runs everything from promotions to publishing during the weekends.

The Bengaluru boy shares an equal interest in coding and music. As a founding member of Bengaluru-based funk/blues music group Thayirsadam Blues and a big fan of the western music genre, Veera also manages artistes on the side. He always wanted to create better opportunities for his artistes and bring out exceptional fusion music.

The podcast is a bridge between two worlds of Indian and western music.

Stuck at home in 2020, reeling under the lockdown, the band was unable to play in public. That is when Veera started looking at new ways to reconnect with the music world and came up with the idea for the podcast.

"Several people listen to their musical heroes without having a chance to meet or hear them. People listen to music without understanding the journey, stories, and musical techniques. I wanted to bridge the gap between western musicians and their fanbase in India," said Veera, speaking to BM. Veera's podcast is aired on Instagram live and later, on Big FM Aizawl.

His first interviewee was three-time Grammy winner Marc Urselli who is a London-based audio engineer and has many other titles to his credit.

He has interviewed big names in the industry like Lee Ritenour who has had 16 Grammy nominations and won one Grammy), Robben Ford, Doyle Bramhall II (played with Eric Clapton, Roger Waters, Beatles), Bob James (18 times Grammy-nominated and was recognised with the George Benson Lifetime Achievement Award), and Manu Katche (played with Peter Gabriel, Sting, Richard Bona, Dire Straits).

"It was not an easy job to connect with these music professionals. Initially, I connected with record labels and artistes whom I listen to often and who do similar work. The process is a bit tiresome. You have to speak to a SPOC person who will interview you and check your calibre. If they see promise in the project, they greenlight the collaborative work."

"It's hard to abide by deadlines. These people have crazy schedules, and often have a lot of shows and tours lined up. Sometimes, they give us dates while they are travelling to venues. But I set aside one month just to book them. I had to chase Robben Ford for three months before confirming him," he added.

> **"People often listen to their musical heroes without having a chance to meet or hear them** – Aditya Veera

Veera says that his podcast style is very simple and can be understood by a novice in music. "I want more people who sit for my podcast to follow through and take away more," added Veera.

As a one-man operation, Veera has to take care of all the pre-and post-processes involved in creating a podcast.

Juggling between his nine-to-five job, managing his team of artistes, and running a podcast, Veera says that the key is to sleep less.

"With the current music environment, it's not enough to just make music, you have to be an all-rounder. I sleep very little and I get very little time to relax. To run a tight ship, you need to be organised and time-efficient. I jot down my to-do things and my time-management skills have helped," he said.

He added that his major takeback was that if you want to be a successful musician, you need immense discipline and punctuality.

"India has such a diverse crowd who listen to Bollywood, blues, Carnatic music. We also have such a rich musical history that goes unnoticed. In future, I hope to get to collaborate with them and produce world-class fusion music.

There's a new cyber security hub in town

IBM on Wednesday announced a new cyber security hub that will train companies in the Asia-Pacific (APAC) region to manage the growing threat of cyber attacks.

Located in Bengaluru, the new IBM Security Command Centre is highly realistic, and offers immersive training simulations.

It will leverage industry-leading audio and visual effects as well as live malware, ransomware and other real-world hacker tools.

"I believe the cyber security hub launched by IBM will go a long way in creating an ecosystem of not just awareness but also capabilities and talent in creating a safe cyber space," said Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Union Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, at the virtual launch.

Chandrasekhar said he looks forward to IBM's partnership with government agencies

to 'realise the digital India mission and make sure that the Indian cyber space becomes and remains safe and trusted'.

IBM has also invested in a new Security Operation Centre (SOC) which is part of IBM's vast network of existing global SOCs -- providing 24x7 security response services to clients around the world.

The new centres will help address the most pressing need of the hour for organisations of all types, to accelerate their security strategies and align business priorities with a security-first approach.

This trend signals a growing need for security investments among Asian organisations, particularly those in financial services and manufacturing, which were the most-targeted industries in the region.

"Cyber security is a global challenge threatening enterprises more vigorously than ever before. We need cutting-edge technology and coming together of the entire ecosystem to address this threat and the launch of the IBM cyber security hub is, in fact, a response to this challenge," said Sandip Patel, Managing Director, IBM India, in a statement.

"It will empower clients to respond to incidents with greater speed, effectiveness, and transparency," he added.

Man poses as attendant, steals hospital staffer's phone

The accused came to the hospital to meet his admitted 'family member'

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An employee of a private hospital has filed a complaint with the Byatarayanapura police against a person who allegedly posed as a family member of a patient admitted at the hospital and stole her mobile phone.

Bhavana, working at a private hospital located near Mysore Road Satellite bus stand, has filed a complaint with the Byatarayanapura police on Monday.

She said that the incident took place around 4.40 pm on the second floor of the hospital while she was working at the ward. "I had put my phone on charge when the accused walked inside and asked me for a patient named Lakshmamma. I directed him towards her ward and he came out saying that it was not her. He said he would call the family to cross check her given name at the hospital and was sitting in the waiting area for a while."

Later, Bhavana said that she was busy with work when he came again and asked for a charger. "I removed my phone and kept it aside on the desk and asked him to connect his phone to the charger. The adapter was still connected to the plug and in a hurry I walked inside without taking my phone when the accused took my phone and fled immediately. I returned to find it missing."

CCTV camera footage shows the phone being stolen

The accused 'wanted to charge his phone', stole it from the reception

She said that she then cross checked with the CCTV footage and found the person stealing her mobile.

The Byatarayanapura police have registered a non-cognisable report and are investigating.

A house owner's nightmare

A 32-year-old habitual offender who posed as a prospective tenant and allegedly robbed a home-alone senior citizen on February 7, was arrested by the Jnanabharathi police on Tuesday.

The accused has been identified as Kiran Kumar, a resident of Balaji layout. Based on the complaint given by Shanthamma (70), the police formed a special team who examined the CCTV camera footage from the area before zeroing in on the accused who has several cases pending against him.

With his arrest, the police have recovered 220 grams of gold valuables worth Rs 9 lakh from him. Police said that the accused was posing as a tenant and went to check the house where the rent board was put up by Shanthamma on February 7 when the incident took place.

A senior officer said that Shanthamma was getting ready to attend a family function and was wearing gold valuables when the accused approached her to show the house. She agreed to show him the house on the first floor, which was listed for rent. As soon as they entered the house, the accused overpowered, gagged her and removed the valuables she was wearing and escaped after locking the door from outside.

The woman called for help and reached out to the police to file a complaint.

Man, friend abducted over property row

A gang of four men were arrested by the KG Halli police for allegedly kidnapping an interior decorator and his friend, who tried to follow him during the kidnap, over a property row.

The victim, Syed Nayaz Ahmed, runs an interior designing workshop in Kushalnagar. Police said that on February 16, around 4 pm, he was kidnapped from his workshop by four armed men who came in a BMW car. The staff working at the workshop immediately alerted his wife who lodged a police complaint.

The accused is Shaikh Zabiullah, Syed Abdul Azeem, Shahbaz, and Riyaz, all residents of KG Halli.

The police said they formed special teams to lookout for the accused and to rescue the victim when Ahmed walked into the police station around 11.45 pm.

The two were blindfolded and were taken to a house in Hoskote where they were kept for sometime and were taken in the car again. On their way, one of the accused transferred Rs 5,000 to his account using Ahmed's phone and the two were freed, stating that they will contact him later for money and threatened to abduct them again if they didn't respond to their calls.

Ahmed was narrating the incident to the police when the abductors contacted him again demanding Rs 3 lakh and threatened him. Police are currently on the lookout for Aslam.

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Slippery slope

Residents of the area fear Borewell Road in Nallurahalli is an accident-prone zone if it is not repaired soon

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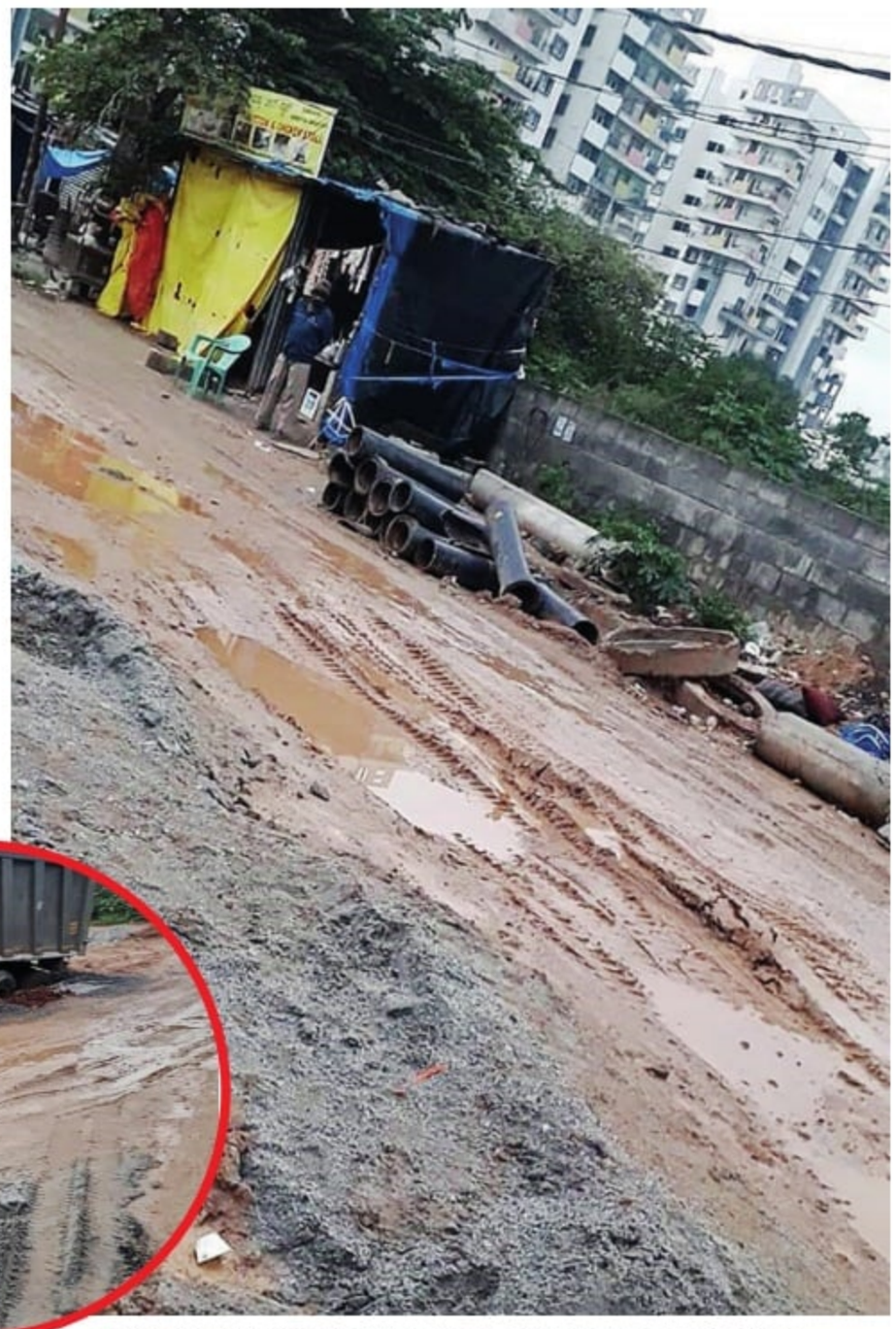
The residents of Victorian View Layout Apartment Society in Whitefield have been facing problems due to the bad condition of Nallurahalli Village Borewell Road which was dug up a year ago and still has not been fixed.

According to the residents, the road was dug up to lay underground water pipelines by the Bangalore Water Supply Sewerage Board (BWSSB); the work started a year ago and was completed about three months ago. However, after the work was done, the road still has not been asphalted.

The residents have reached out to authorities, but their pleas fell on deaf ears. Four days ago, they met the MLA Arvind Limbavali and highlighted the issue, after which, an inspection was carried out by officials who stated that the road would be fixed soon.



Last year, the stretch was filled with slush during rains

The Nallurahalli Village Borewell Road is a connecting road for Vydehi Hospital in ITPL, Varthur to Kadugodi Main Road and even Marathahalli to Varthur Road. The road is said to be used by many of the commuters to reach their work places. However, it has been over a year now and the two-km stretch is in a dilapidated condition.

Vishnu Vallabhameni, member of Victorian View Layout RWA said: "The road has been in a bad condition. After it was taken up to lay pipelines, the work hadn't been completed. In 2021, during the heavy October and November rains, we had a terrible experience where the entire road was slushy and commuting had become very dangerous. Even now, the road is in bad shape, and the two-wheeler riders are at risk every day. While the work of laying pipelines has been completed, the road asphalting work hasn't begun. However, the MLA has stated that the work would be initiated soon," said Vallabhameni.

> **"In 2021, during the heavy October and November rains, the entire road was slushy and commuting had become very dangerous**
>
> –Vishnu Vallabhameni, member of Victorian View Layout RWA

Residents also pointed out that there is no Cauvery water connection, along with poor streetlights, bad footpaths, poor garbage collection, adding to the existing problems.

"There are more than 1,000 people living across this locality and all of them are facing issue on a daily basis. The dust from the road enters houses, while there is also an electricity problem. The power keeps going off every two days and in spite of the number of complaints it hasn't been fixed yet," said Vallabhameni.

The residents stated that they have to call for water tankers every other day to get water as they do not get Cauvery water.

BBMP to patch potholes with Python now onwards

Officials say no new machine was purchased, Palike will use Pythons bought before

BBMP will be using Python machines to fill potholes now. These machines are used in arterial, sub-arterial and ward roads. Officials clarified they haven't bought a new machine but are utilising the previously purchased machines. It will be used to patch potholes on 122 roads (total 180 kms). These include 17 roads in east zone, 37 in west zone, 32 in south zone and eight roads in RR Nagar zone, plus 28 sub arterial roads.

Recently, the works carried out using the machine on MG Road and Cubbon Road were inspected by Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta. Senior officials have been instructed to ensure the roads are pothole-free wherever the machines are used. They must complete restoration work in 110 villages within BBMP limits quickly. It must be conducted in a systematic manner (wherever the works by BWSSB have been completed) and durability must be ensured.

Addressing a virtual meeting regarding road maintenance within BBMP limits, Gupta instructed officials that road cut portions must be restored and drainage works should be completed soon.

Any issues related to BWSSB must be escalated to chief engineer's level and must be brought to the notice of those at a higher level if not solved. The work must be completed before the rains. It must be conducted without disturbing the public.

Gupta strictly instructed officials to finish the work within two months. Ha said daily work details related to restoration and asphalting must be submitted to the head office. Officials must ensure ease of vehicular movement by completing works speedily, he added.

Road maintenance related to the road infrastructure department must be done properly. Executive engineers must ensure good quality roads by proper inspection, Gupta instructed officials. Regarding the infrastructure department, among 139 roads, 72 have been asphalted. Asphalting work on 67 roads is in progress. The work must be finished soon, he instructed officials.

A 113-km Rajakaluve is being constructed under Chief Minister's Nava Nagarothana scheme. So far, work on 96 km of the stretch has been completed. The works on the remaining 17 km must be completed by the end of March, Gupta instructed officials.

-Prakash VL

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What a waste
Sultanpalya

Folks have been dumping garbage at this spot on 8th Cross in Hanumantappa Layout. BBMP must take action.

Clean roads
Nandini Layout

The authorities concerned must pick up piles of debris and construction material that lay along the roads in this layout.

Space issues
DVG Road

Street vendors have been occupying space required for parking vehicles here. The authorities concerned must make arrangements to accommodate both motorists and vendors.

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With flying colours

General MM Naravane, Chief of the Army Staff during the Presidents Colours program at Parachute Regiment Training Centre (PRTC), in Bengaluru on Wednesday
Inset: Soldiers of Special Force of Army Battalion conduct a parachute parade during the Presidents Colours program at Parachute Regiment Training Center (PRTC), in Bengaluru on Wednesday

Congrats: State is 10 crore shots down

Karnataka achieves vaccination milestone in 1 year and 39 days

Karnataka achieved a milestone on Wednesday with 10 crore covid vaccination doses on Wednesday. Health Minister Dr Sudhakar K said, "Karnataka has crossed 10 crore covid vaccinations doses today." Dr Sudhakar said that to achieve this milestone, the state took 1 year and 39 days. He also said that the state had completed 100 per cent of inoculation of the first dose of the covid-19 vaccine and 93 per cent of the second dose of the.

If we look at the vaccine milestones, the first crore vaccines took 109 days, 1-2 crore took 49 days, 2-3 crore took 38 days; 3-4 crore took 28 days, 4-5 crore took 21 days; 5-6 crore took 26 days; 6-7 crore took 38 days, 7-8 crore took 21 days, 8-9 crore took 29 days and 9-10 crore took 44 days.

Increase in CFR

The number of new covid cases dropped further in the State with 667 testing positive on Wednesday. The test positivity rate in the State fell to less than one per cent (0.91 per cent).

However, the worrying factor was the increase in case fatality rate which was now as high as 3.14 per cent. Bengaluru reported 368 covid cases and 15 deaths. Bagalkot became the first district in the third wave to report zero Covid cases.

No test for hospitalisation

A circular was issued on Wednesday stating that all government and private hospitals in the State have been instructed to discontinue precautionary covid 19 testing of asymptomatic patients prior to hospitalisation, surgeries, scanning and other medical procedures.

Country's vax tally

India's cumulative covid-19 vaccination coverage exceeds 176.19 crore with more than 33.84 lakh doses administered in the last 24 hours, the Health Ministry informed on Wednesday.

"With the administration of more than 33.84 lakh doses (33,84,744) in the last 24 hours, India's COVID-19 vaccination coverage has exceeded 176.19 crore (1,76,19,39,020) as per provisional reports till 7 am today," the release by the Health Ministry stated.

This has been achieved through 2,00,89,198 sessions, Ministry added. Of the total doses administered so far to the health care workers (HLW's), 1,04,00,989 have received the first dose, 99,57,566 have received the second vaccine dose and 40,92,955 have been administered the precaution doses.

As per the Ministry, 1,84,08,453 front line workers were administered the first dose, 1,74,25,974 with second dose and 60,07,839 with the precaution doses 1,74,18,259; 5,40,95,926 vaccine doses were administered as the first dose and 2,38,74,286 vaccine doses were given as the second dose in the age group 15-18 years; 55,08,71,373 vaccine doses were administered as the first dose and 43,87,03,109 vaccine doses were given as the second dose in the age group 18-44 years.

Follow prescribed uniform till case is disposed: HC

The Karnataka High Court hearing the hijab case on Wednesday said the uniform prescribed by the schools and colleges should be followed till the disposal of the case.

"We are making it very clear that whether a degree college or a PU College, if a uniform has been prescribed, that has to be followed so long as the matter is pending before the court," Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi told advocate Mohammed Tahir who is the counsel for one of the petitioners seeking permission to wear hijab in the classrooms.

The court also made it clear that the interim order related to hijab was confined to students only, when a lawyer appearing on behalf of petitioners from Udupi pointed out that the teachers were also asked to remove their headscarf. The full bench comprising Chief Justice Awasthi, Justice JM Khazi and Justice Krishna S Dixit has made it clear to wind up case hearing this weekend.

Exam fever

Students, especially those in Class 10 and Class 12, who are not ready to appear in exams without hijab are likely to miss their annual exams. The annual examinations for SSLC (Class 10) and second PUC (Class 12) are scheduled to be held in April. Authorities have started issuing hall tickets and some protesting students are refusing to collect it. **—Agencies**

Coming soon: A one-stop-shop for dream homes

Don't miss the unique platform for property developers and customers during this weekend

The countdown for the most awaited property expo-Sri Datri VK property expo has begun. The Sri Datri VK Property Expo powered by Bangalore Mirror will be held on February 26 and 27 (Saturday and Sunday) at Chandra Sagar Kalyana Mahal (Jayanagar second block). This property expo will provide a platform to buy the property/home of your choice at the most affordable rates. This will also be a one-stop-shop for all the major property and real estate developers to offer their products to the customers.

AFFORDABLE PROPERTIES AND HOUSES

The major highlight of the Sri Datri VK Property Expo is that it will give customers a chance to interact with the property developers and also get a sneak peek of what is being offered. The customers also get a chance to know more about various properties being developed both inside the city as well as outskirts at affordable rates. The best part is that the expo will offer wide choices for varied customers. The price of the plots from Rs 6 lakh and flats from Rs 18 lakh.

FREE SESSIONS

This year's Sri Datri VK Property Expo is bigger and better as more than 20 property developers will be offering their products. The visitors to the expo will get a chance to buy properties/houses approved by RERA/BDA/BMRDA. In fact, the customers get a chance to have detailed discussion with the developers and get all their doubts clarified. Many developers are also organising site visits so that the customers can later go on a visit and select their dream properties.

A-Z INFO AT ONE PLACE

As buying a house or a property is a lifetime investment for many, customers tend to make a lot of inquiries and research before they invest. So, Sri Datri VK Property Expo will also give a chance for the customers to interact with the experts in the field who can guide on properties and various processes attached with buying. Some of the important questions like where to buy an affordable property in Bengaluru? Which area has potential for future development? value of properties, what are amenities available in apartment complexes? Many customers are eagerly waiting for the expo as instead of visiting each developer, this expo is providing a platform where a customer can meet all the major developers under one roof.

DON'T MISS THIS GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

With the economy back on track, it is the right time to invest/buy property/houses. On top of this, the State Government has cut down the stamp duty on flats costing Rs 45 lakh. Many banks are offering low interest rates. Hence, this is definitely a golden chance for all of those dreaming of owning a property and house. So, block your dates for Feb 26 and 27 as you are invited for the Sri Datri VK Property Expo. **Entry is free. The expo will be open to the public between 10 am and 7 pm. For more details and enquiries, feel free to call Mahesh Malagi 9886721857.**

513 students get 662 offers at IIMB

The Lateral and Final Placements for the PGP and PGPBA Class of 2020-22 of the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB) saw 662 offers, leading to all 513 students who appeared for placements being placed.

Harsh Agrawal, Placement Representative, said: "Overall, there has been a 37 per cent increase in the number of offers YoY, driven primarily by Consulting and Product Management roles. Strategy Consulting continued to be the most sought-after role among the students, followed by Product Management and Finance."

Consulting companies made 248 offers led by Accenture with 51 offers, followed by Boston Consulting Group with 30 offers, an IIMB statement said on Wednesday.

Top recruiters included Kearney (27), Bain & Company (26) and McKinsey & Company (22).

Prominent recruiters in the Information Technology and Product Management domain, who made 141 offers, are Microsoft (15) and OYO (11). The 65 offers made in the E-commerce space included Amazon (37) and Paytm (16).

There were 71 offers overall in the Finance domain. Among banks, Goldman Sachs made the maximum of 22 offers followed by Avendus Capital (7), Citi Bank (5) and Deutsche Bank (5).

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Street smart in Bengaluru

The act mandates the constitution of the Town Vending Committee (TVC) in every urban local body across the country.

While Bengaluru alone has over 1.5 lakh street vendors, Karnataka constitutes about six lakhs street vendors, it is estimated. Yet, street vendors are considered 'illegal' and are harassed by the authorities or even citizens quite often — at times evicting them from places. Their livelihoods are affected as a result.

The TVC was formed in 2019. Out of the eight zones, seven zones have TVC members. In Bommanahalli zone the elections were not held and so far the TVC hasn't been formed. TVC members have to conduct surveys for the issuance of ID cards to street vendors. At the moment, out of the 1.5 lakh vendors in the city, only 19,000 vendors have ID cards, said the federation.

With the training session having kickstarted from February, TVC and citizen activists are looking forward to seeing a large number of street vendors getting to know about their rights.

"After seven years, officials are unaware of the act; street vendors are asked to move out, while they have their right to earn a livelihood. We had been pushing for training of officials and local authorities for a while; now it has come into existence," said Vinay K Sreenivasa of the Alternative Law Forum who held a training session recently.

The sessions are to be organised by the BBMP; so far, sessions have taken place in the South, RR Nagar and West, said S Babu, president of the Bengaluru Urban district Street Vendors Federation.

"Training sessions started in February. Initially, TVC members will be trained after which they will train 1,000 street vendors from each zone. Training will be given to the food vendors on how to carry out vending and safety measures, including awareness on their rights to vending. BBMP needs to ensure that more sessions are conducted on a regular basis," Babu added. While the act mandates separate vending zones in the city, BBMP is yet to create such zones. Members of the federation said training should also be given to police and other parastatal officials to bring in awareness on the act.

Comet cometh alive

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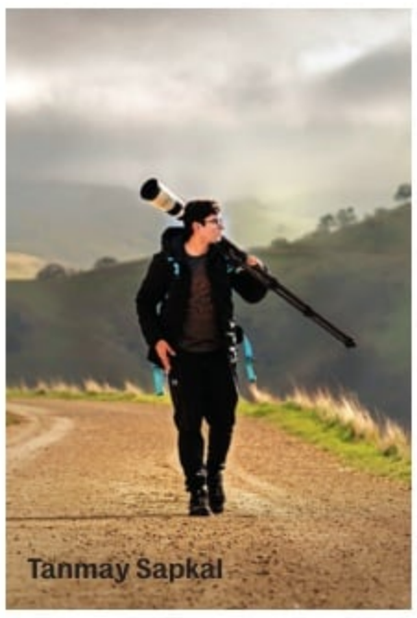
was taken on Mt Tamalpais (aka Mt Tam) located in Marin country, north of San Francisco (CA, USA).

"It is quite a special place for photographers as it stands tall above the local landscape which is engulfed in low coastal fog nearly every summer evening. The fog is so common in this region that it even has a popular nickname, Karl," Sapkal said.

Comet NEOWISE was discovered on March 27, 2020 and it was the brightest object visible in the sky in the northern hemisphere since Comet Hale–Bopp in 1997.

"Once, I learnt that the comet would be visible in California, I started planning for capturing this once in a lifetime event. I wanted to combine the artistic nature of my landscape photographs with the appearance of this comet in the night sky. After having shot on Mt Tam tens of times over the last four years, I have taken a keen liking to the way fog looks when it is lit from underneath. After a few weeks of scouting, I envisioned a shot which would contain the setting comet in the backdrop of the ethereal landscape of the Mt Tam. The result of all this planning is the photograph you see here," said Sapkal.

He said that the photo was quite special: "In my view, what makes this photograph special is its ability to transport its audience to this other worldly looking place, straight out of one's imagination. It requires no explanation or backstory to evoke the feeling of awe from its viewers. What also helps with this feeling is the fact that it's a relatively simple, uncluttered composition that leads the viewer from the very bottom on the frame, through a dirt path, all the way to this celestial object setting just over the horizon; you can almost feel that it's within reach," he added.


Tanmay Sapkal

It took two weeks of scouting and years of experience of shooting the fog for him to envision and execute this shot: "I drove more than three hours to Mt Tam almost every week for a couple of months to get the right foggy conditions.

It wasn't possible to exactly line up the comet above the foreground as I wanted, so I had to resort to shooting two separate exposures, one for the foreground and one for the comet itself. One experiences a journey through the landscape as you gaze from the bottom to the top of the frame," he added.

For the International Landscape Photographer of the Year competition, he chose his most impactful landscape photographs from recent years. This competition is known for awarding images that push the boundaries of creativity in the field of landscape photography.

"This was one of those competitions that introduced me to the genre of fine art landscapes and ever since I have wanted to leave my mark in this field. This was my first year participating and I shortlisted only a couple of images for the entries. Only one of them made it to the top 101; winning photograph of the year while the others missed the mark by a whisker, showing how high the standard was for this year's competition," he added.

Sharing a funny anecdote, he said: "Mt Tam is usually closed for all vehicles after sunset. However, on some nights, the park remains open till late for stargazing. I was shooting on the mountain with a friend on one such night. Once we started shooting, we lost track of time and didn't realise when it was already past the park closure time for that night. After finishing the shoot, we made our way back down to my car, only to realise that I had got a parking ticket! Instead of being upset about it, I was just happy I got the shot, and we happily drove back. And now, in my opinion, it's the best $80 I have ever spent on parking, ever!"

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Stress-free waxing, do it yourself

Peel-off wax is gentle on your skin and can remove unwanted hair without assistance

No matter how comfortable you are at home in shorts or outdoors in trousers, there always comes a day when you need to get rid of that hair on your legs or underarms or any part of your body.

It can be quite a task to book a salon appointment, reach there on time and make sure you don't scream loud when she's about to peel off the wax strip. The most hassle-free alternative could be female-friendly razors, but we've heard its consequences time and again, and maybe even experienced it ourselves at some point. Every time you shaved at home, your beautician complained during the next appointment you scheduled.

What about those times when you have a busy working day and your friends plan to hit the newest nightclub in town and all you want to do is slip into the mini skirt you bought last week? Shaving could be a quick saviour, but today we have a better solution for you.

You've heard about peel-off wax earlier, but a number of questions gushed into your head and we're answering each of them for you below. Used interchangeably, peel-off wax or no-strip wax or hard wax is actually easy to use! Buy your own pack and DIY before your night out in three simple steps – heat, apply and peel off. The best part about peel-off wax is that it requires no strips and no worries about identifying the right or wrong side. Read through to discover more!

What is the peel-off wax?

The peel-off wax is a gel-based wax invented for giving women an untroubled waxing experience. It's easy to use by yourself, which means waxing without ringing up your beautician. You can purchase a pack from your curb-side beauty store or even online, heat two handfuls of capsules at home and apply a thick layer on your skin with a wooden spatula. Once it cools and sticks to your skin, it's time to peel off. For the smoothest results. always remember to peel it off from the bottom, the direction opposite to the growth of your body hair.

Pro tip: Gently roll back the wax in the direction opposite to the direction of hair growth for best hair removal results.

Why is peel-off wax better?

Peel-off wax is newer than the traditional waxing methods so it's sure to come with several perks. As we already mentioned, it's a no-strip waxing method. The wax hardens on your skin and that's what you peel off. After you peel off, you can instantly observe that it de-tans the area. While pain tolerance levels are different for every woman, most women claim that hard wax is less painful than soft wax and it isn't as sticky too. Peel off wax also doesn't require you to apply pressure on the particular area and it's gentle on your skin, leaving it without rashes or burns. It removes the tiniest hair as well, which strip waxing tends to leave out. Since it's safe for all skin types, you can use it to remove hair from sensitive areas such as your bikini line and face.

Pro tip: Soft wax cannot be used multiple times on the same patch of skin. However, hard wax can be used up to 3 times to remove tiny strands that have not come out in the first round. It is also less messy than using waxing strips.

How to prep your skin before peel-off waxing?

If you dread the post-wax discomfort, adding prep steps to your routine can be beneficial. Exfoliate your skin a couple of hours before your wax. Scrubbing the skin can remove dead skin cells giving your legs a smoother feel after you wax. Once you bathe, don't apply moisturiser as it will make your skin greasy and hair removal will take more than one peel off. Keep in mind to shift all errands you might have to run in direct sunlight that day as it can cause skin burns. To avoid uneven growth, ensure you have enough hair growth.

Pro tip: Exfoliating your skin before waxing makes it easier to remove the hair and also makes the process relatively less painful.

How to take care of your skin after peel-off waxing?

Peel-off wax isn't sticky but in case you feel the need to shower, avoid hard soaps for starters. Make sure to use fragrance-free body lotion after you bathe and wear loose-fitted breathable clothes to avoid friction on your skin after you finish your peel-off waxing process. Skin irritation is rare, but if your skin feels irritable due to any reason you can't figure out instantly, the best option is to do a cold compress. Dip a soft towel into ice-cold water and dab on the affected area. Additionally, don't apply perfume directly on sensitive areas such as your armpits as it can cause the skin to burn.

Pro tip: Avoid warm water baths for at least up to 24 hours after waxing. It can irritate the skin which is more sensitive than usual.

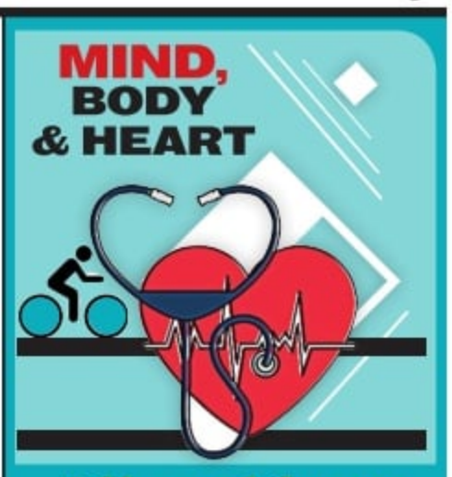
Can peel off waxing pull out blackheads?

Yes! As we explained, peeling off wax is safe for the sensitive skin of your face and as it can pull out the tiniest hair, it helps in removing blackheads from your nose or chin. Soft wax molds around the hair, whereas hard wax sticks close to the hair follicle and one peel-off can show you the desired results.

Pro tip: Instead of threading your upper or lower lip and forehead, you can use hard wax for similar results.

Does peel-off waxing remove ingrown hair?

No, peeling off waxing doesn't remove ingrown hair, but it reduces it as opposed to shaving. Running a razor on your legs increases in growth for some women, but the peel-off waxing method doesn't. To remove ingrown hair, press and hold a soft warm towel on that part of your skin. With a sterilized tweezer, gently pull out the hair one at a time. It could be a tedious process but end it by wiping and moisturizing the area immediately.



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I feel embarrassed even writing this, but I have a massive crush on a much older man at work.
I know he's divorced with grown-up children, and my other workmates think he's single.
Normally, I'd be more confident about flirting or trying to get to know someone I like, but the fact that he's 20 years older feels like a barrier somehow. I'm worried he'll think I'm silly or just won't be interested because of the age gap.
He's in his mid-to-late 40s, very attractive and popular.
Should I just go for it or is it worth even bothering with?
I'd love some tips.

COLEEN SAYS

Well, I think you are the only barrier at the moment.

I think it's natural to have doubts about the age gap – it's quite a big one. And while the difference in age might not mean much now when you're in your 20s and he's in his 40s, it might be a challenge in 10 or 20 years' time if you want different things in life.

You might, for example, want a family, but he may feel he's done with that.

But we're getting way ahead of ourselves here.
I think you just have to be confident – start by saying hello and striking up a conversation. If there are office drinks and you know he's going to be there, go along and chat to him.

Or better still, arrange some drinks with your workmates and invite him along.

Maybe you're uneasy because perhaps he's senior to you at work. I think you do have to tread carefully with relationships at work because, if things fail, you're left having to work together.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

Cillian's first look as atomic scientist unveiled

The makers of 'Oppenheimer' have unveiled the first look of Cillian Murphy as the titular character in Christopher Nolan's biopic of J. Robert Oppenheimer.

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Swiss sojourns

Buzz is that KJo is scouting locales in Switzerland for film starring Ranveer, Alia

Karan Johar's upcoming film 'Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani' starring Ranveer Singh and Alia Bhatt has been in steady progress. The film's shoot at Reliance Studio in Mumbai's Film City had stopped in view of the Omicron wave but later it was put back on track.

The latest on this movie's front is that a shooting schedule is coming up in Switzerland. It is expected to happen as soon as Karan is back in Mumbai.

So where is he? Well, KJo is currently scouting locales in Switzerland. He will return in the next 3 to 4 days. Alongside, the modalities of the shoot in Switzerland are being worked out. It's a major song picturised on Ranveer Singh and Alia Bhatt in the film that is going to be shot in Switzerland. Karan might shoot a few additional scenes too in Switzerland.

Besides Ranveer and Alia, 'Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani' stars Dharmendra, Jaya Bachchan and Shabana Azmi in main roles. The film is said to be a love story between a North Indian boy and a Bengali girl, both staying in Delhi.

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3 things Lara won't endorse

Lara Dutta, who was recently seen in a web series titled 'Kaun Banegi Shikharwati', has said that she will not be part of ads for sanitary napkins, alcohol brands and cigarettes. She went on to say that she will not endorse any product if she is not going to use it.

In a recent interview, Lara said that she doesn't associate with alcohol brands, not because she's a teetotaller but because she thinks content is really important. She revealed that she was approached by a brand of sanitary napkins in the past but she turned down the offer.

Lara added that people should address the ecological impact that sanitary napkins create today. She said that other options like menstrual cups are available which are much better. Lara said that she wants to be able to promote these kinds of products in the future.

Meanwhile, Lara recently won the Dadasaheb Phalke award for her performance in 'Bell Bottom'. She essayed the role of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in the film. The film also starred Akshay Kumar, Vaani Kapoor and Huma Qureshi in important roles.

Viruskha pose for shutterbugs

Celebrity power couple Anushka Sharma and Virat Kohli were all smiles as the posed for the cameras at the iconic Mehboob Studio here.

The couple were spotted and clicked by the shutterbugs at studio here on Wednesday. The two were reportedly shooting for an upcoming ad campaign. Virat and Anushka, who are fondly called as Virushka by their fans, chose comfortable outfits. Virat was seen wearing a powder pink T-shirt paired with white joggers. While Anushka glowed in a white crop-top and black pants.

On the work front, Anushka has started prepping for her upcoming film 'Chakda Xpress' where she will be seen playing woman fast bowler of India Jhulan Goswami.

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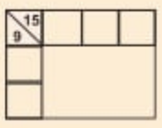
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



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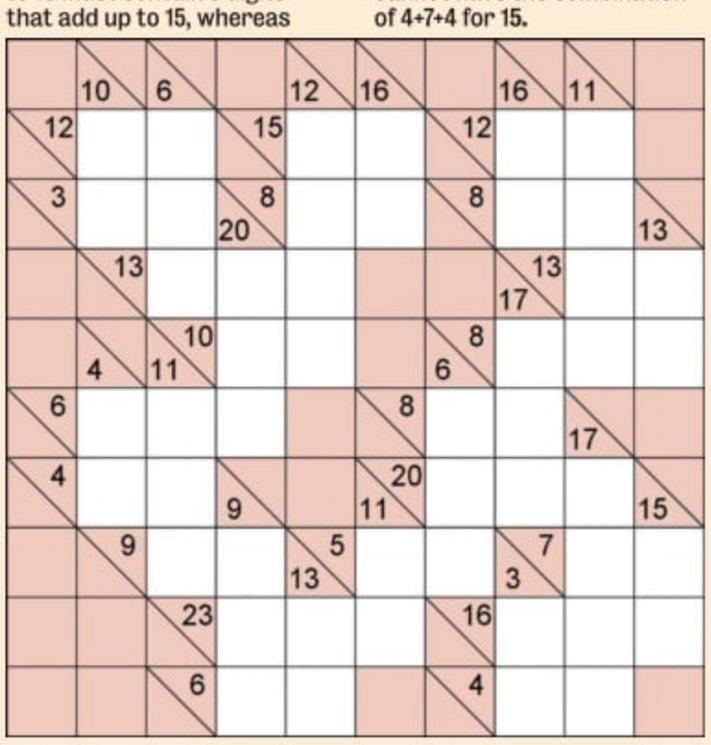

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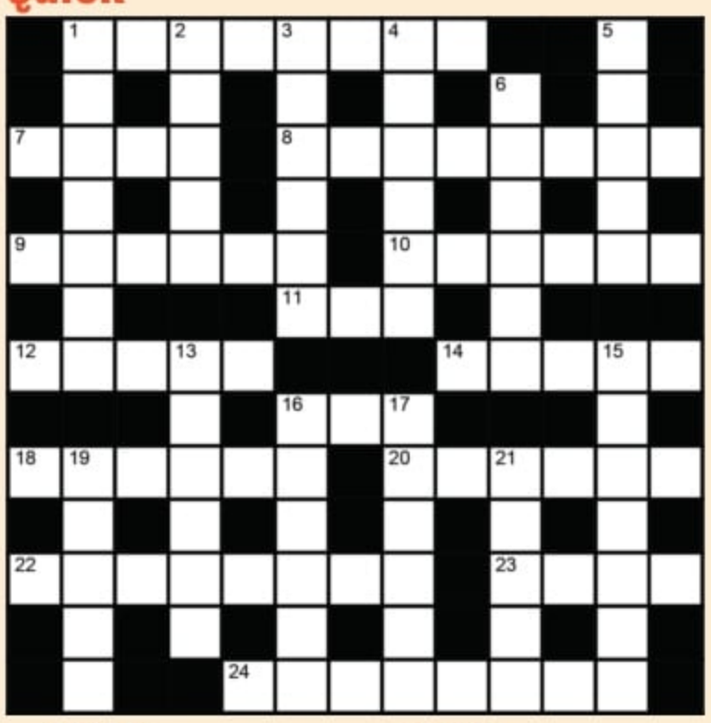


ACROSS

1 Change of position (8)
7 Masticate (4)
8 Sot (8)
9 Wore away (6)
10 This place (6)
11 Frequently (3)
12 Former Windies paceman Courtney ___ (5)
14 Opinions or views (5)
16 Cropped hairstyle (3)
18 Legal relinquishment (6)
20 Shrieked (6)
22 Governor of Karnataka from 2009 to 2014 (8)
23 Duty-roster (4)
24 Brought to mind; suggested to? (8)

DOWN

1 Roman goddess of wisdom (7)
2 Made a solemn promise (5)
3 Got by (4,2)
4 Nothing, zero (6)
5 Eagle's nest (5)
6 Moved over ice (6)
13 English river (6)
15 Helped a felon (7)
16 Surf the internet (6)
17 Harbhajan Singh's petname (6)
19 Despise or loathe (5)
21 Connected for power (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: F EQUALS O

B EFFV PXBLGO BLV MFPXJHO HOUDOGX B MHFMOH PXBXO FU RWLV.

Linemaro

Here's the key to my mansion, my limo and my heart

Mindchow

For every minute you are angry, you lose sixty seconds of happiness

Joke of the day

Anybody who allows himself to be cremated makes an ash of himself

Loop

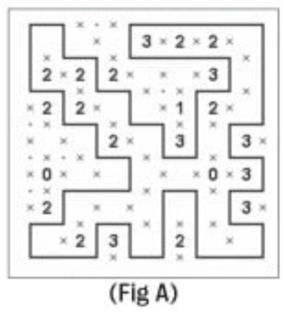
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

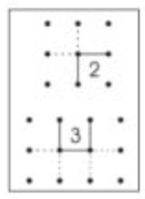
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

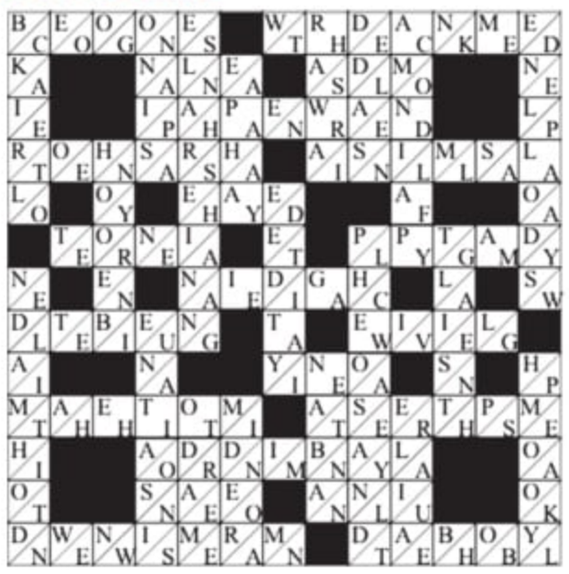


(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed

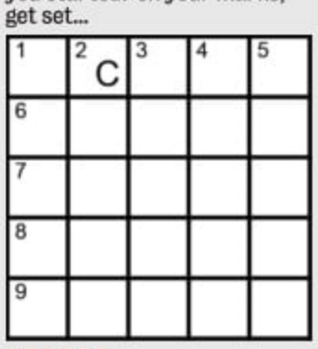
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Pecos; 6 Molar;
7 Eery I; 8 In gap;
9 Yurts

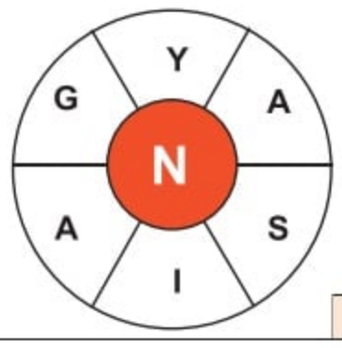
DOWN

1 Reams; 2 Coy up;
3 Or sir; 4 Inapt;
5 Ley eg.

Mensapuzzle

Solve this rebus:

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

05 Average; 06 Good; 08 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

		4		6		5		
			1	4	8			
	6	3				7	4	
1			4		7			5
		6		8		9		
3			6		9			8
	9	2				4	6	
			2	3	6			
		8		5		1		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

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Easy = 9

2 3 5 9

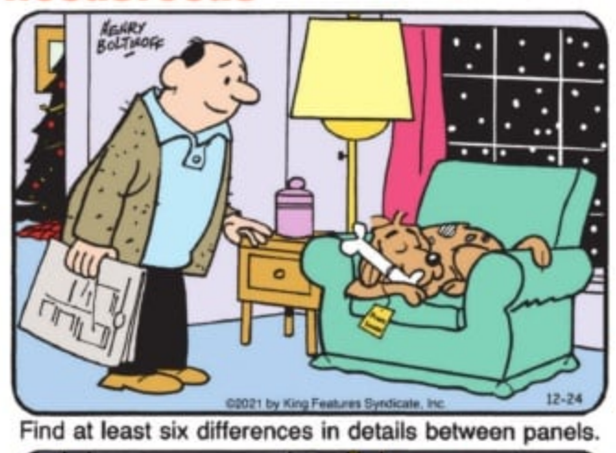
Medium = 37

2 2 5 5

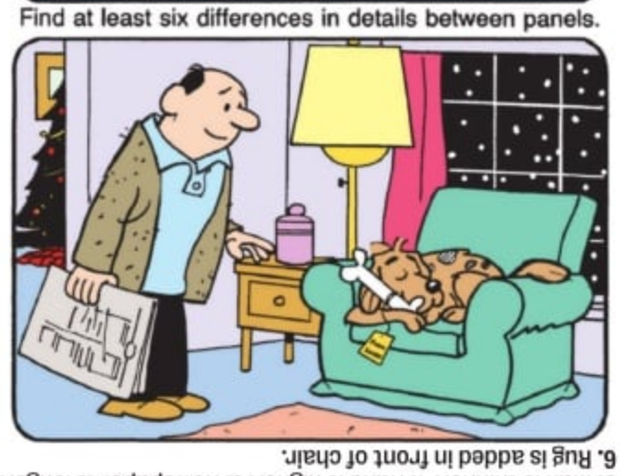
Hard = 3

3 5 8 3

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



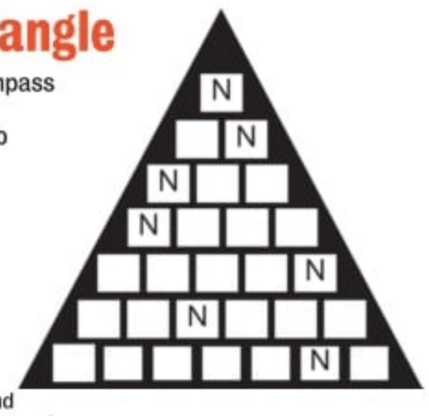
Differences: 1. Tail is moved. 2. Table leg is missing. 3. Man is thinner. 4. Hand is higher. 5. Newspaper is longer. 6. Rug is added in front of chair.

Riddler

What is the one thing everyone can agree is between heaven and earth?

Alpha triangle

1 North on the compass
2 Not out
3 Nothing in Laredo
4 Small spike
5 Straighten
6 Tongue
7 Dragging



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

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Diamond Lil

I ATE LUNCH TODAY AT THAT NEW PLACE
IT'S CALLED THE FAMILY CHRISTMAS CAFE
WHAT DID YOU HAVE?
A DYSFUNCTIONAL TUNA MELT
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Hart of the city

HAPPY HOLIDAYS, KAT! I MADE YOU A NEW JACKET!
I HAD TO GUESS YOUR MEASUREMENTS.
AND I ONLY HAD SCRAP FABRIC FOR THE POCKETS, BUT...
RUSSIAN GREEN IS TOTALLY YOUR COLOR.
IT'S PERFECT.
WAIT A SECOND.
DO YOU THINK THEY LIKE EACH OTHER?
VERY ASTUTE, HEART.
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Crankshaft

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you will be blessed by a positive moon and Jupiter which may help you to improve your inner strength. You are likely to get some new opportunities for your business and work which will pay you in terms of gains in near future. Couples may hear good news in terms of childbirth. Lovebirds are advised to be clear in their opinion with each other to make their future bright.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you will be blessed by moon. Things will now be under control. Your performance may be praised by your seniors and you may expect promotions. Money which was stuck is likely to be recovered now; it may help to increase liquidity in the business. There may be some good news in terms of legal matters also. In partnerships, many issues are likely to be resolved now.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may hear good news in terms of a job. Job-seekers may be focused on cracking entrance exams with the help of hard work. Singles may hear good news in terms of marriage. Couples may here some good news in terms of childbirth.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may plan for a change in place, it is advised to postpone the decision related to migration. It is also advised to avoid investment in business. Dull feeling may make you upset. By late evening, situation may be under control. With the help of advice from one of the elders, you may control a messy situation.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may have patience; meditation may help you to increase concentration which will speed up your project. Your subordinates may cooperate with you; it may help you to complete the project before time. There may be some short trips related to work. You are likely to meet an influential person who may help you to boost your business.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may spend to buy some creative or artefact to renovate your house which may increase your social status. You may implement some new plans for your family business; it will pay you in term of gains in the near future. You may also be busy in family or social get-togethers.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today is a good day for you. You may have good vitality and health. You may enjoy your work. Today, is your challenge to avoid straightforwardness. It is advised to avoid arguments on worthless topics; otherwise, there may be some disputes in the family. Job-seekers may find suitable job. Lovebirds are advised to avoid arguments on worthless topics.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you are affected by a negative moon. You may feel unhappy; you may become impatient today; you may find it difficult to perform your task and be unable to fulfil your desire. You want to be detached from the given responsibility. You may not be able to complete any task.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you will be blessed by moon. Work-related pressure may go off. Your earnings may convert into profits now. You are likely to invest for a long-term period. You may get an overseas work order which may give you financial benefits in the coming future. You may find your soulmate. Students may get good news in their academics.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you will be blessed by a positive moon; you may perform well on the professional front. You may implement your business plans very easily with the help of your colleagues. Intellectual investments and financial investments may start giving profits now which may increase confidence level. You may use your wisdom to gain benefits.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you will be blessed by moon. Your spiritual power may make you happy. Your way of thinking may be positive. You are inclined towards spiritualism today. You may plan to visit some religious place. You may also take an interest in occult science. It is advised to keep your views with you only; try to discuss with those who may understand your feelings.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may feel nervous; you may have lack of patience; for seeking peace you may be attracted towards the occult; it is advised to follow your intuition before going ahead. You may also get in-depth knowledge on a subject or you may have a good focus towards your research. Chanting mantras may help you in this situation.

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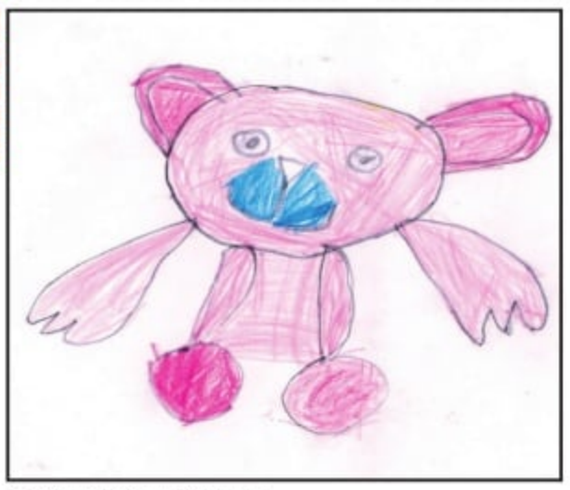

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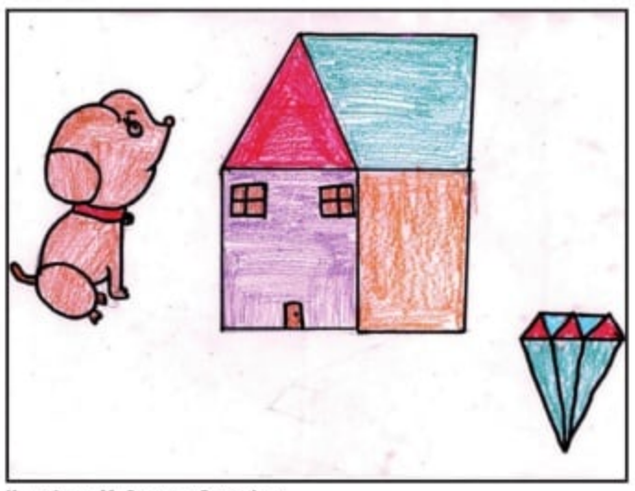

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
1+2+3=6
2+3+6=11
3+6+11= 20
6+11+20=37
11+20+37 = 68

BULL'S EYE
again, gain, GAINSAY, sang, saying, sign, sing, snag

RIDDLER
The word "and"

FAST FIVE

S	C	O	P	E
M	O	R	A	L
A	P	I	N	G
E	Y	R	I	E
R	U	S	T	Y

QUOTE UNCODE
A good stance and posture reflect a proper state of mind.

STRIKE OUT

C	O	O	N	S	W	R	E	C	K	E	D			
A		A	L	E		A	D	O		E				
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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
caught off balance

SUDOKU

9	1	4	7	6	3	5	8	2
2	5	7	1	4	8	3	9	6
8	6	3	5	9	2	7	4	1
1	8	9	4	2	7	6	3	5
7	2	6	3	8	5	9	1	4
3	4	5	6	1	9	2	7	8
5	9	2	8	7	1	4	6	3
4	7	1	2	3	6	8	5	9
6	3	8	9	5	4	1	2	7

ALPHA TRIANGLE
Align, Lingua, Nail, N, In, Nil, Nail, Hauling.

GO FIGURE
Easy
9 – 5 + 2 + 3 = 9
Medium
2 + 5 x 5 + 2 = 37
Hard
3 – 3 + 8 – 5 = 3

LOOP

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